

# **Christ The King Episcopal Church**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

## **Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church**

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, NJ, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish in Willingboro, Burlington County, New Jersey. Over the past 60 years, the fabric of Christ the King has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of Burlington County itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Christ the King, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or one of the Ushers.

**Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage**

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**Email address: [\*\*priest@christthekingnj.org\*\*](mailto:priest@christthekingnj.org)**

**Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Senior Warden: Hubert Lambert**

**Junior Warden: Jermaine Smith**

**Meditation: His Love is Everlasting...LEVAS # 273**

**Processional Hymn #182.... Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing.**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant say,  
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gloria: LEVAS 243 Glory to God**

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah,  
Lord we praise your Holy name.

**Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day:**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Liturgy of the Word**

**A Reading from Acts 3:12-19..... Linda Anderson**

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites,[a] why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob,[b] the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant[c] Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the holy and righteous[d] one and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus[e] has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 4 .....Linda Anderson**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Celebrant and People:

Glory to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the  
beginning, it is now and forevermore. Amen.

**Reading from 1 John 3:1-7..... Emerson Cooper**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader     The Word of the Lord.  
People     Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn #193-.....That Easter Day with Joy was Bright.**

## **The Gospel**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**  
**People           *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>36b</sup>“Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24:36b-48)

Reader     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**     *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Alleluia**

**God is With Us**

**Sermon.....The Rev. Vernal Savage**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### **Silence:**

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all  
bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

#### **Silence:**

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*  
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King.  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.  
*Who put their trust in you.*  
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**Leader and People**

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Celebrant:**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace**

All stand.

Celebrant           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People               And also with you.

**Peace Hymn ..... God is so Good – LEVAS #213**



## **Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

### **Offertory Hymn #343 – Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant           The Lord be with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

Celebrant           Lift up your hearts.

*People*               *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*               *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

### **Celebrant proceeds:**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Celebrant and People:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **Celebrant continues:**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People:**

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

**People and Celebrant:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

**Fraction Anthem [LEVAS 268] Christ Our Passover (BCP p. 364)**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.  
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.  
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**Sanctus: [LEVAS 269] Lamb Of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.

**Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Distribution**

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen] Grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn – We’ll Understand it Better (LEVAS 207)**

**Ablution Song - Hallelu**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant and People:**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest, gives the blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Retiring Hymn #493..... O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.**

**Dismissal:**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord  
I just want to thank you, Lord.  
Vs. 2. Been so good, Vs. 3 Been my friend*

**Announcements – News - Thoughts**

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14th, 2024  
JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM  
PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE ON YOUTUBE &  
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PLEASE SAVE THE LINK TO SIGN IN EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30 AM

**Tuesday Bible Studies 7:00pm Zoom**

We finished the Lenten study, People of the Passion by Dr. Cathy Randall on witnesses to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. It was challenging to ask, what about yourself did you see in Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Nicodemus and finally Judas. Join us this week as we seek to understand God's Word.

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting:**

Join us on Wednesday nights for prayer service on Zoom at 7:15pm. Wednesday Prayer Meetings are now on Zoom (Using the Church Zoom Link):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnlldngyNTZTd09>

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431.

We have an extensive prayer list that includes the sick and shut-in, grief, war and violence, and other categories. You can add names to our list by placing names in the box in the prayer alcove, located in the back of the church, by email [ctk@christthekingnj.org](mailto:ctk@christthekingnj.org) or call 609.877.2992, or by contacting one of the prayer group members: Diane, Helen, Linda, Sarah, Carolyn, Martha or Pastor Savage. Contact the Church Office for contact information of the names on the prayer list.

Our Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need. We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants below for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of thy enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Men Of Christ the King Monthly Meeting**

The MOCTK monthly meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 10.00am on Zoom. All the Men of Christ the King are members of this group and are expected to attend. Next meeting is May 11, 2024, at 10.00am.

Zoom ID: 818-7152-9383, Password: 359999

### **Give Easily from Here:**

Click here [give now](#) to make a donation or make your contributions to Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, New Jersey at any time, even if you are on vacation. You will receive an email confirmation for your transaction.

### **Emergency Contact Information:**

All parishioners wanting to add an emergency contact to the church's directory, please write the contact's name and number and put it in the collection plate. This information will be kept PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

### **Life Group Ministries**

The Women's Life Group has resumed meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 PM. We invite any women interested to call with questions or for information. Carolyn Booker 412-337-2576.

### **Looking To Join the Altar Guild Ministry?**

We are looking for new volunteers; men and women, to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. All are welcome to come and learn about this labor of love! Please call Linda Anderson at 609-760-1050 for more information. Thank you!

### **April Birthdays:**

7<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Booker

9<sup>th</sup> – Delores Spencer

13<sup>th</sup> – Naomi Lockett

**15<sup>th</sup> – Laurel Mentis**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Annette Grubbs**

24<sup>th</sup> – Michael Dennis

26<sup>th</sup> – Judy Jackson

**Martha “Mardi” Gibbons Memorial Service**

The service to celebrate the Life of Martha “Mardi” Gibbons will take place on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Christ the King at 10:00am.

**Glenda Evans**

Thank you for assisting in anyway with the service yesterday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for Glenda. Especially the reception held in the undecroft. I know the family has been deeply moved by the spontaniety of support and love

**International Black Clergy Conference – April 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>**

The conference went well and my hope is to share some of the ideas out of the event.

**The People’s Sermon Preaching Cohorts**

I am desirous of working for the improvement of preaching within Christ the King and inviting you to consider to be part of an initiative to be part of cohorts of 4-6 congregational teams (a priest/deacon/along with 3-6 congregation members) who gather with professor Shauna Hanna via zoom six times over 2 months. Participant evaluations suggest that the cohorts benefit individuals and congregations in a variety of ways. They have begun to:

- understand what preaching is and why we do it,
- develop more creative and participatory Bible studies,
- prompt congregation members to listen to sermons in new ways,
- equip lay preachers within congregations.



If this is of interest to you, please do not hesitate to speak with Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage to participate.

## SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.



**EPSILON ZETA SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
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### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.



**Epsilon Zeta Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Application**  
**Scholarship amounts are \$1922, \$1000, and \$750.**

**The Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. provides scholarship aid to students, regardless of race or sex, in pursuit of higher education.**

**The minimum requirements:**

1. Acceptance at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
2. Minimum "B" average.
3. Demonstrated community service.

**The following documents must be submitted with the completed application:**

1. Most recent official sealed high school transcript.
2. An essay highlighting the applicant's achievements, goals, extra-curricular activities, and community service, with a minimum of 500 words.
3. Two (2) letters of reference. Examples of suitable references include teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, or another individual familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and character.
4. A copy of the applicant's official ACT or SAT scores.
5. A copy of the applicant's official acceptance letter to the two or four-year accredited university that the applicant will attend.
6. A copy of the applicant's fall 2024 semester course schedule. If you do not have your course schedule when you submit your application, please indicate when you will receive your schedule.

**DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024**

Please mail the completed application and required documents to:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter  
PO Box 507  
Burlington, NJ 08016  
Attn: Scholarship Committee

**Applications received after June 1, 2024 will not be reviewed.** Please allow enough time for delivery. Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed. All provided information will remain strictly confidential and used exclusively for the purposes of evaluation. Email [maryrleach@gmail.com](mailto:maryrleach@gmail.com) with questions.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via mail or email. **Funds will not be released until we receive a copy of your fall 2024 course schedule.**

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# COMMUNITY LAW DAY

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**MAY 4, 2024 10 AM - 1 PM**  
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